Washington, DC -- U.S. Rep. Michael A. Arcuri (D-Utica) will be accepting applications for nominations to U.S. military service academies until Friday, October 17th.

"In today's complex world, we need the best and the brightest attending our nation's service academies, and I am confident the students of the 24th Congressional district are up to that challenge," **Arcuri said**. "I strongly encourage any student interested in applying to a military academy to contact my office regarding the nomination process. Service academies offer not only the opportunity to serve our great country, but also provide an outstanding education."

Arcuri's Veterans Advisory Committee reviews student applications and conducts interviews before recommending students to Arcuri for nominations for admission to the U.S. Air Force Academy, U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, U.S. Military Academy, and U.S. Naval Academy.

Instructions for applying for a nomination may be found at <a href="http://www.arcuri.house.gov/academ">http://www.arcuri.house.gov/academ</a>
<a href="http://www.arcuri.house.gov/academ">y.shtml</a>
<a href="http://www.arcuri.house.gov/academ">. Arcuri's office can also be</a>
reached toll free at (800)-235-2525.

All applications must be received by mail, please send to:

Office of U.S. Rep. Michael Arcuri Alexander Pirnie Federal Building 10 Broad Street, Utica, NY 13501 Attn: Jason Phelps

Students nominated by Arcuri compete against students around the country for appointments to the various academies. Last year, Arcuri nominated 24 students in the 24th Congressional District for one of the five U.S. military service academies. Nine students nominated by Arcuri received appointments to military service academies.

In June, Arcuri hosted an information session for high school sophomores and juniors interested

in applying to one of the service academies.

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